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SUBJECT: MBFR: SPC DISCUSSION JANUARY 6 ON INCLUSION OF AIR

MANPOER IN THE COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REQUIRED AIR REDUCTIONS

REF: A. STATE 244442 B. STATE 241431 C. USNATO 7041

1. SPC ON JANUARY 6 HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF U.S. PROPOSAL TO
INCLUDE AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REQUIRED
AIR REDUCTIONS.

2. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) NOTED THAT THE AD HOC GROUP AT THE
DECEMBER 12 PLENARY RECALLED TO THE EAST ALLIED WILLINGNESS TO
DISCUSS A RE-DEFINITION OF GROUND FORCES WHICH WOULD
RESULT IN A "SIZEABLE DECREASE" IN DISPARITIES BETWEEN EASTERN AND
WESTERN GROUND FORCES IN THE NGA. HE STATED, AS HE DID AT THE
DECEMBER 19 SPC MEETING, THAT THE ALLIED PROPOSAL ON DEFINITION
OF GROUND FORCES WOULD HAVE NO MEANING IF THE ALLIES
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NOW AGREED TO SUGGEST TO THE OTHER SIDE INCLUSION OF AIR
MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING. RE-CATEGORIZING CERTAIN
GROUND FORCES SO THEY WERE COUNTED AS AIR FORCES WOULD
NOT REDUCE THE DISPARITIES IF AIR MANPOWER WERE NOW INCLUDED

IN THE COMMON CEILING. U.S. REP (PEREZ) NOTED THAT THE EAST HAS SHOWN NO INTEREST IN RE-CATEGORIZATION OF GROUND FORCES, PER PARA 3, REF A.

3. FRG REP (HOYNCK) STILL HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN. UK REP (BAILES) TOLD MISSION OFFICER IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION AFTER THE MEETING THAT LONDON CAN NOW ACCEPT THE U.S. DRAFT GUIDANCE TO THE AD HOC GROUP ON THIS SUBJECT (PARA 2 REF B) AS IT IS. THE U.S. DRAFT GUIDANCE MAKES THE SORT OF GENERAL HINT WHICH LONDON NOW FAVORS. UK REP SAID UK IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN A DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE WHEN OTHERS, E.G., THE FRG, ARE READY.

4. SPC WILL NEXT DISCUSS THE U.S. PROPOSAL ON AIR MANPOWER ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON INSTRUCT EMBASSY BONN TO MAKE THE DEMARCHE AT THE VAN WELL/ROTH LEVEL SUGGESTED IN REF C, BEFORE BONN TAKES ITS DECISION ON WAY IT WISHES AIR MANPOWER HANDLED IN PHASE II. IF BONN SHOULD COME DOWN ON THE SIDE OF BELGIUM IN FAVORING AN EXTENSION OF THE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT INTO PHASE II, INSTEAD OF INCLUSION IN THE COMMON CEILING AS FAVORED BY THE U.S. UK, AND CANADA, THE SPC COULD REACH AN IMPASSE ON THIS ISSUE. MISSION RECOMMENDS SUCH A DEMARCHE PRIOR TO THE NEXT SPC CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUBJECT ON JANUARY 13.
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